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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

DAVID KAUFFMAN, individually and
on behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ZILLOW GROUP, INC.,

Defendant.

CASE NO: '22CV1398 LL AGS

CLASS ACTION

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES:

UNLAWFUL WIRETAPPING AND
INTERCEPTION OF ELECTRONIC
COMMUNICATIONS, CAL. PEN.
CODE § 631

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

INTRODUCTION

1. David Kauffman (“Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of all other similarly situated California residents (“Class Members”), brings this action for damages and injunctive relief against Zillow Group, Inc. (“Defendant”), and its present, former, or future direct and indirect parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, related entities for violations of the California Penal Code § 631 Wiretapping, (“CIPA”) in relation to the unauthorized collection, recording, and dissemination of Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ data.
2. The California State Legislature passed CIPA to protect the right of privacy of the people of California. The California Penal Code is very clear in its prohibition against unauthorized tapping or connection without the consent of the other person:

“Any person who, by means of any machine, instrument, or contrivance, or any other matter, intentionally taps, or makes any unauthorized connection . . . with any telegraph or telephone wire, line, cable, or instrument, including the wire, line, cable. Or instrument of any internal telephonic communication system, or who willfully and without consent of all parties to the communication, or in any unauthorized manner, reads, or attempts to read, or to learn the contents or meaning of any message, report, or communication while the same is in transit or passing over any wire, line, or cable, or is being sent from, or received at any place within this state [violates this section].”
Cal. Penal Code § 631(a).
3. This case stems from Defendant’s unauthorized connection to Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ electronic communications through the use of “session replay” spyware that allowed Defendant to read, learn the contents of, and report Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ visits to Defendant’s websites.
4. Plaintiff brings this action for every violation of California Penal Code § 631 which provides for statutory damages of \$2,500 for each violation, pursuant to California Penal Code § 631(a).

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- 1 5. As discussed in detail below, Defendant utilized “session replay” spyware to
2 intercept Plaintiff’s and the Class Members’ electronic computer-to-computer
3 data communications, including how Plaintiff and Class Members interacted with
4 the website, mouse movements and clicks, keystrokes, search items, information
5 inputted into the website, and pages and content viewed while visiting the
6 website. Defendant intentionally tapped and made unauthorized connection to
7 Plaintiff and Class Members’ electronic communications to read and understand
8 movement on the website, as well as everything Plaintiff and Class Members did
9 on those pages, *e.g.*, what Plaintiff and Class Members searched for, looked at,
10 the information inputted, and clicked on.
- 11 6. Defendant made this unauthorized connection without the knowledge or prior
12 consent of Plaintiff of Class Members.
- 13 7. The “session replay” spyware utilized by Defendant is a sophisticated computer
14 software that allows Defendant to contemporaneously intercept, capture, read,
15 observe, re-route, forward, redirect, and receive electronic communications.
- 16 8. “Technological advances[,]” such as Defendant’s use of “session replay”
17 technology, “provide ‘access to a category of information otherwise unknowable’
18 and ‘implicate privacy concerns’ in a manner different from traditional intrusions
19 as a ‘ride on horseback’ is different from a ‘flight to the moon.’” *Patel v.*
20 *Facebook, Inc.*, 932 F.3d 1264, 1273 (9th Cir. 2019) (quoting *Riley v. California*,
21 573 U.S. 373, 393 (2014)).
- 22 9. Jonathan Cherki, the CEO of a major “session replay” spyware company – while
23 discussing the merger of his company with another “session replay” provider –
24 publicly exposed why companies like Defendant engage in learning the contents
25 of visits to their websites: “The combination of Clicktale and Contentsquare
26 heralds an unprecedented goldmine of digital data that enables companies to
27 interpret and predict the impact of any digital element – including user
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1 experience, content, price, reviews and product – on visitor behavior[.]”¹ Mr.
2 Cherki added that, “this unique data can be used to activate custom digital
3 experiences in the moment via an ecosystem of over 50 martech partners. With a
4 global community of customer and partners, we are accelerating the
5 interpretation of human behavior online and shaping a future of addictive
6 customer experience.”²

7 10. Unlike typical website analytics services that provide aggregate statistics, the
8 session replay technology utilized by Defendant is intended to record and
9 playback individual browsing session, as if someone is looking over Plaintiff’s
10 or a Class Members’ shoulder when visiting Defendant’s website. The
11 technology also permits companies like Defendant to view the interactions of
12 visitors on Defendant’s website in live, real-time.

13 11. The purported use of “session replay” technology is to monitor and discover
14 broken website features; however, the extent and detail collected by users of the
15 technology, like Defendant, far exceeds the stated purpose and Plaintiff’s and
16 Class Members’ expectations when visiting websites like Defendant’s. The
17 technology not only allows the tapping and unauthorized connection of a visitor’s
18 electronic communication with a website, but also allows the user to create a
19 detailed profile for each visitor to the site.

20 12. Moreover, the collection and storage of page content may cause sensitive
21 information and other personal information displayed on a page to lead to third
22 parties. This may expose website visitors to identity theft, online scams, and other
23 unwanted behavior.

24 13. In 2019, Apple warned application developers using “session replay” technology
25 that they were required to disclose such action to their users, or face being

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27 ¹ [https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/contentsquare-acquires-clicktale-to-create-the-](https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/contentsquare-acquires-clicktale-to-create-the-definitive-global-leader-in-experience-analytics-300878232.html)
28 [definitive-global-leader-in-experience-analytics-300878232.html](https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/contentsquare-acquires-clicktale-to-create-the-definitive-global-leader-in-experience-analytics-300878232.html)

² *Id*

immediately removed from the Apple Store: “Protecting user privacy is paramount in the Apple ecosystem. Our App Store Review Guidelines require that apps request explicit user consent and provide a clear visual indication when recording, logging, or otherwise making a record of user activity.”³

14. Consistent with Apple’s concerns, countless articles have been written about the privacy implications of recording user interactions during a visit to a website, including:

(a) *The Dark Side of ‘Replay Sessions’ That Record Your Every Move Online*,

located at <https://www.wired.com/story/the-dark-side-of-replay-sessions-that-record-your-every-move-online/>;

(b) *Session-Replay Scripts Disrupt Online Privacy in a Big Way*, located at

<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/session-replay-scripts-are-disrupting-online-privacy-in-a-big-way/>;

(c) *Are Session Recording Tools a Risk to Internet Privacy?* located at

<https://mopinion.com/are-session-recording-tools-a-risk-to-internet-privacy/>

(d) *Session Replay is a Major Threat to Privacy on the Web*, located at

<https://www.itnews.com.au/news/session-replay-is-a-major-threat-to-privacy-on-the-web-477720>;

(e) *Popular Websites Record Every Keystroke You Make and Put Personal*

Information and Risk, located at <https://medium.com/stronger-content/popular-websites-record-every-keystroke-you-make-and-put-personal-information-at-risk-c5e95dfda514>; and

(f) *Website Owners can Monitor Your Every Scroll and Click*, located at

<https://www.digitalinformationworld.com/2020/02/top-brands-and-websites-can-monitor-your-every-scroll-and-click.html>

³ <https://techcrunch.com/2019/02/07/apple-glassbox-apps/>

1 15. In sum, Defendant illegally tapped and made an unauthorized connection to
2 Plaintiff's and Class Members' electronic communications through visits to
3 Defendant's website, causing injuries, including violations of Plaintiff's and
4 Class Members' substantive legal privacy rights under CIPA, invasion of
5 privacy, and potential exposure of private information.

6 16. Plaintiff makes these allegations on information and belief, with the exception of
7 those allegations that pertain to Plaintiff, or to Plaintiff's counsel, which Plaintiff
8 alleges on his personal knowledge.

9 17. Unless otherwise stated, all the conduct engaged in by Defendant took place in
10 California.

11 18. All violations by Defendant were knowing, willful, and intentional, and
12 Defendant did not maintain procedures reasonably adapted to avoid any such
13 violation.

14 19. Unless otherwise indicated, the use of Defendant's name in this Complaint
15 includes all agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors,
16 assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers of
17 the named Defendant.

18 **PARTIES**

19 20. Plaintiff is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a natural person and resident
20 of the State of California and the County of San Diego.

21 21. Defendant is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a Washington corporation
22 with its principal place of business located at 1301 Second Avenue Floor 31,
23 Seattle, WA 98101.

24 22. At all times relevant herein Defendant conducted business in the State of
25 California, in the County of San Diego, within this judicial district.

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JURISDICTION & VENUE

23. Jurisdiction is proper under the Class Action Fairness Act (“CAFA”), 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2), because Plaintiff, a resident of the State of California, seeks relief on behalf of a California class, which will result in at least one Class Member belonging to a different state than Defendant, a Washington Corporation with its principal place of business in Washington.
24. Plaintiff is requesting statutory damages of \$2,500 per violation of Cal. Penal Code §631, which, when aggregated among a proposed class number in the tens of thousands, exceeds the \$5,000,000 threshold for federal court jurisdiction under CAFA.
25. Therefore, both diversity jurisdiction and the damages threshold under CAFA are present, and this Court has jurisdiction.
26. Because Defendant conducts business within the State of California, personal jurisdiction is established.
27. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 for the following reasons: (i) the conduct complained of herein occurred within this judicial district; and (ii) Defendant conducted business within this judicial district at all times relevant.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

28. Defendant owns and operates the following website: www.zillow.com.
29. Over the past year, Plaintiff and Class members visited Defendant’s website.
30. Plaintiff was in California during each visit to Defendant’s website.
31. During visits to the website, Plaintiff and Class Members, through computers and/or mobile devices, transmitted electronic communications in the form of instructions to Defendant’s computer servers utilized to operate the website. The commands were sent as messages indicating to Defendant what content was being viewed, clicked on, requested and/or inputted by Plaintiff and Class Members. The communications sent by Plaintiff and Class Members to Defendant’s servers included, but were not limited to, the following actions taken

1 by Plaintiff and Class Members while on Defendant’s website: mouse clicks and
2 movements, keystrokes, search items, information inputted by Plaintiff and Class
3 Members, pages and content viewed by Plaintiff and Class Members, scroll
4 movements, and copy and paste actions.

5 32. Defendant responded to Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ electronic
6 communications by supplying – through its website – the information requested
7 by Plaintiff and Class Members. *Revitch v. New Moosejaw, LLC*, U.S. Dist.
8 LEXIS 186955, at *3 (N.D. Cal. 2019) (“This series of requests and responses –
9 whether online or over the phone – is communication.”).

10 33. Plaintiff and Class Members reasonably expected that visits to Defendant’s
11 website would be private, and that Defendant would not be tapping, connecting
12 with, or otherwise attempting to understand their communications with
13 Defendant’s website, particularly because Defendant failed to present Plaintiff
14 and Class Members with a pop-up disclosure or consent form alerting Plaintiff
15 that the visits to the website were monitored and recorded by Defendant.

16 34. Plaintiff and Class Members reasonably believed their interactions with
17 Defendant’s website were private and would not be recorded or monitored for a
18 later playback by Defendant, or worse yet, live monitoring while Plaintiff and
19 Class Members were on the website.

20 35. Upon information and belief, over the last few years, Defendant has had
21 embedded within its website code and has continuously operated at least one
22 “session replay” script that was provided by a third party (“Session Replay
23 Provider”). The “session replay” spyware was always active and intercepted
24 every incoming data communication to Defendant’s website the moment a visitor
25 accessed the site.

26 36. The Session Replay Provider(s) that provided that “session replay” spyware to
27 Defendant is not a provider of wire or electronic communication services, or an
28 internet service provider.

1 37. Defendant's use of "session play" spyware was not instrumental or necessary to
2 the operation or function of Defendant's website or business.

3 38. Defendant's use of "session replay" spyware to intercept Plaintiff's electronic
4 communications was not instrumental or necessary to Defendant's provision of
5 any of its goods or services. Rather, the level and detail of information
6 surreptitiously collected by Defendant indicates that the only purpose was to gain
7 an unlawful understanding of the habits and preferences of users to its websites,
8 and the information collected was solely for Defendant's own benefit.

9 39. Defendant's use of a "session replay" spyware to intercept Plaintiff's and Class
10 Members' electronic communications did not facilitate, was not instrumental,
11 and was not incidental to the transmission of Plaintiff's and Class Members'
12 electronic communications with Defendant's website.

13 40. During one or more of Plaintiff's and Class Members' visits to Defendant's
14 website, Defendant utilized "session replay" spyware to intercept the substance
15 of Plaintiff's and Class Members' electronic communications intentionally and
16 contemporaneously with Defendant's website, including mouse clicks and
17 movements, keystrokes, search terms, information inputted by Plaintiff, pages
18 and content viewed, scroll movements, and copy and paste actions. In other
19 words, Defendant tapped and made an unauthorized connection with the
20 electronic communications Plaintiff and Class Members made during visits to
21 Defendant's website.

22 41. The relevant facts regarding the full parameters of the communications
23 Defendant made an unauthorized connection with and the extent to of how the
24 connections occurred are solely within the possession and control of the
25 Defendant.

26 42. The "session replay" spyware utilized by Defendant is not a website cookie,
27 standard analytics tool, web beacon, or other similar technology.

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1 43. Unlike harmless collection of an internet protocol address, the data collected by
2 Defendant identified specific information inputted and content viewed, and thus
3 revealed personalized and sensitive information about Plaintiff's and Class
4 Member's internet activity and habits.

5 44. The electronic communications Defendant intentionally made an unauthorized
6 connection was content generated through Plaintiff's intended use, interaction,
7 and communication with Defendant's website relating to the substance, purport,
8 and/or meaning of Plaintiff's and Class Members' communications with the
9 website.

10 45. The electronic communications Defendant made and unauthorized connection
11 with were not generated automatically and were not incidental to Plaintiff's and
12 Class Members' communications.

13 46. The "session replay" spyware utilized by Defendant tapped, made an
14 unauthorized connection, which allowed Defendant to attempt to learn the
15 communications of Plaintiff and Class Members in a manner that was
16 undetectable by Plaintiff.

17 47. Plaintiff's electronic data communications were then stored by Defendant, which
18 Defendant could use to playback Plaintiff's and Class Members' interactions
19 with Defendant's website.

20 48. Defendant never sought consent and Plaintiff and Class Members never provided
21 consent for Defendant's unauthorized access to Plaintiff's and Class Members'
22 electronic communications.

23 49. Plaintiff and Class Members did not have a reasonable opportunity to discover
24 Defendant's unlawful and unauthorized connections because Defendant did not
25 disclose its actions nor seek consent from Plaintiff and Class Members prior to
26 making the unauthorized connection to the electronic communications through
27 the "session replay" spyware.

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1 50. Plaintiff and Class Members were not placed on notice of Defendant's terms and
2 policies or privacy policy immediately visiting the website. Instead, Defendant's
3 terms of use and privacy policy are buried at the bottom of Defendant's website,
4 out of site from Plaintiff and Class Members.

5 51. Defendant does not require visitors to its websites to immediately and directly
6 acknowledge that the visitor has read Defendant's terms of use or privacy policy
7 before proceeding to the site.

8 52. Defendant's purpose and use of the "session replay" spyware is to attempt to
9 understand Plaintiff's and Class Members' electronic communications with
10 Defendant's website.

11 **STANDING**

12 53. Defendant's conduct constituted invasions of privacy because it disregarded
13 Plaintiff's statutorily protected rights to privacy, in violation of CIPA.

14 54. Defendant caused Plaintiff to (1) suffer invasions of legally protected interests.
15 (2) The invasions were concrete because the injuries actually existed for Plaintiff
16 and continue to exist every time Plaintiff visits Defendant's website. The privacy
17 invasions suffered by Plaintiff and the Class were real and not abstract. Plaintiff
18 and the Class have a statutory right to be free from interceptions of their
19 communications. The interceptions Defendant performed were meant to secretly
20 spy on Plaintiff to learn more about Plaintiff's behavior. Plaintiff and Class
21 members were completely unaware they were being observed. Plaintiffs' injuries
22 were not divorced from concrete harm in that privacy has long been protected in
23 the form of trespassing laws and the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution
24 for example. Like here, an unreasonable search may not cause actual physical
25 injury, but is considered serious harm, nonetheless. (3) The injuries here were
26 particularized because they affected Plaintiff in personal and individual ways.
27 The injuries were individualized rather than collective since Plaintiff's unique
28 communications were examined without consent during different website visits

on separate occasions. (4) Defendant's past invasions were actual and future invasions are imminent and will occur next time Plaintiff visits Defendant's website. Defendant continues to intercept communications in California without consent. A favorable decision by this court would redress the injuries of Plaintiff and the Class.

TOLLING

55. Any applicable statute(s) of limitations has been tolled by the "delayed discovery" rule. Plaintiff did not know (and had no way of knowing) that his information was intercepted, because Defendant kept this information secret.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

56. Plaintiff brings this lawsuit as a class action on behalf of himself and Class Members of the proposed Class. This action satisfies the numerosity, commonality, typicality, adequacy, predominance, and superiority requirements of those provisions.

57. Plaintiff proposes the following Class, consisting of and defined as follows:

All persons in California whose communications were intercepted by Defendant, and or its agents.

58. Excluded from the Class are: (1) Defendant, any entity or division in which Defendant has a controlling interest, and its legal representatives, officers, directors, assigns, and successors; (2) the Judge to whom this case is assigned and the Judge's staff; and (3) those persons who have suffered personal injuries as a result of the facts alleged herein. Plaintiff reserves the right to redefine the Class and to add subclasses as appropriate based on discovery and specific theories of liability.

59. **Numerosity**: The Class Members are so numerous that joinder of all members would be unfeasible and impractical. The membership of the entire Class is currently unknown to Plaintiff at this time; however, given that, on information and belief, Defendant accessed millions of unique computers and mobile devices,

it is reasonable to presume that the members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. The disposition of their claims in a class action will provide substantial benefits to the parties and the Court.

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60. **Commonality**: There are common questions of law and fact as to Class Members that predominate over questions affecting only individual members, including, but not limited to:

- Whether, within the statutory period, Defendant intercepted any communications with Class Members;
- Whether Defendant had, and continues to have, a policy during the relevant period of intercepting digital communications of Class Members;
- Whether Defendant’s policy or practice of intercepting Class Members digital communications constitutes a violation of Cal. Penal Code § 631;
- Whether Plaintiff and Class Members were aware of Defendant’s “session replay” spyware and had consented to its use.

61. **Typicality**: Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ wire and cellular telephone communications were intercepted, unlawfully tapped and recorded without consent or a warning of such interception and recording, and thus, his injuries are also typical to Class Members.

62. Plaintiff and Class Members were harmed by the acts of Defendant in at least the following ways: Defendant, either directly or through its agents, illegally intercepted, tapped, recorded, and stored Plaintiff and Class Members’ electronic communications, and other sensitive personal data from their digital devices with others, and Defendant invading the privacy of said Plaintiff and Class. Plaintiff and Class Members were damaged thereby.

63. **Adequacy**: Plaintiff is qualified to, and will, fairly and adequately protect the interests of each Class Member with whom he is similarly situated, as demonstrated herein. Plaintiff acknowledges that he has an obligation to make known to the Court any relationships, conflicts, or differences with any Class Member. Plaintiff's attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in the rules governing class action discovery, certification, and settlement. In addition, Plaintiff's attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in the rules governing class action discovery, certification, and settlement. The proposed class counsel is experienced in handling claims involving consumer actions and violations of the California Penal Code § 631. Plaintiff has incurred, and throughout the duration of this action, will continue to incur costs and attorneys' fees that have been, are, and will be, necessarily expended for the prosecution of this action for the substantial benefit of each Class Member.

64. **Predominance**: Questions of law or fact common to the Class Members predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class. The elements of the legal claims brought by Plaintiff and Class Members are capable of proof at trial through evidence that is common to the Class rather than individual to its members.

65. **Superiority**: A class action is a superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy because:

a. Class-wide damages are essential to induce Defendant to comply with California and Federal law.

b. Because of the relatively small size of the individual Class Members' claims, it is likely that only a few Class Members could afford to seek legal redress for Defendant's misconduct.

c. Management of these claims is likely to present significantly fewer difficulties than those presented in many class claims.

d. Absent a class action, most Class Members would likely find

1 the cost of litigating their claims prohibitively high and would
2 therefore have no effective remedy at law.

3 e. Class action treatment is manageable because it will permit a
4 large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their
5 common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and
6 without the unnecessary duplication of effort and expense that
7 numerous individual actions would endanger.

8 f. Absent a class action, Class Members will continue to incur
9 damages, and Defendant's misconduct will continue without
10 remedy.

11 66. Plaintiff and the Class Members have all suffered and will continue to suffer harm
12 and damages as a result of Defendant's unlawful and wrongful conduct. A class
13 action is also superior to other available methods because as individual Class
14 Members have no way of discovering that Defendant intercepted and recorded
15 the Class Member's telephonic electronic communications without Class
16 Members' knowledge or consent.

17 67. The Class may also be certified because:

- 18 • The prosecution of separate actions by individual Class Members
19 would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudication with
20 respect to individual Class Members, which would establish
21 incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant;
- 22 • The prosecution of separate actions by individual Class Members
23 would create a risk of adjudications with respect to them that
24 would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other
25 Class Members not parties to the adjudications, or substantially
26 impair or impede their ability to protect their interests; and
- 27 • Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally
28 applicable to the Class, thereby making appropriate final and

injunctive relief with respect to the members of the Class as a whole.

68. This suit seeks only damages and injunctive relief for recovery of economic injury on behalf of Class Members and it expressly is not intended to request any recovery for personal injury and claims related thereto.

69. The joinder of Class Members is impractical and the disposition of their claims in the Class action will provide substantial benefits both to the parties and to the court. The Class Members can be identified through Defendant's records.

CAUSE OF ACTION

UNLAWFUL WIRETAPPING AND INTERCEPTION OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE § 631

70. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference, all other paragraphs.

71. At all relevant times to this complaint, Defendant intercepted components of Plaintiff's and the putative Class Members' private electronic communications and transmissions when Plaintiff and other Class Members accessed Defendant's website within the State of California.

72. At all relevant times to this complaint, Plaintiff and the other Class Members did not know Defendant was engaging in such interception and therefore could not provide consent to have any part of their private electronic communications intercepted by Defendant.

73. Plaintiff and Class Members were completely unaware that Defendant had intercepted and stored electronic communications and other personal data until well after the fact and was therefore unable to consent.

74. At the inception of Defendant's illegally intercepted and unauthorized connections to Plaintiff's and Class Members' electronic communications, Defendant never advised Plaintiff or the other Class Members that any part of this communications or their use of Defendant's website would be intercepted.

1 75. Plaintiff and Class Members were completely unaware that their use of
2 Defendant's website and the electronic communications derived from the use was
3 being intercepted and stored

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7 76. To establish liability under section 631(a), a plaintiff need only establish that the
8 defendant, "by means of any machine, instrument, contrivance, or in any other
9 manner," does any of the following:

10 Intentionally taps, or makes any unauthorized connection,
11 whether physically, electrically, acoustically, inductively
12 or otherwise, with any telegraph or telephone wire, line,
13 cable, or instrument, including the wire, line, cable, or
14 instrument of any internal telephonic communication
system,

15 ***Or***

16 Willfully and without the consent of all parties to the
17 communication, or in any unauthorized manner, reads or
18 attempts to read or learn the contents or meaning of any
19 message, report, or communication while the same is in
20 transit or passing over any wire, line or cable or is being
sent from or received at any place within this state,

21 ***Or***

22 Uses, or attempts to use, in any manner, or for any
23 purpose, or to communicate in any way, any information
24 so obtained,

25 ***Or***

26 Aids, agrees with, employs, or conspires with any person
27 or persons to unlawfully do, or permit, or cause to be done
28 any of the acts or things mentioned above in this section.

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2 77. Section 631(a) is not limited to phone lines, but also applies to “new
3 technologies” such as computers, the Internet, and email. *Matera v. Google Inc.*,
4 2016 WL 8200619, at *21 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 12, 2016) (CIPA applies to “new
5 technologies” and must be construed broadly to effectuate its remedial purpose
6 of protecting privacy); *Bradley v. Google, Inc.*, 2006 WL 3798134, at *5-6 (N.D.
7 Cal. Dec. 22, 2006) (CIPA governs “electronic communications”); *In re*
8 *Facebook, Inc. Internet Tracking Litigation*, --- F.3d --- 2020 WL 1807978 (9th
9 Cir. Apr. 9, 2020) (reversing dismissal of CIPA and common law privacy claims
10 based on Facebook’s collection of consumers’ Internet browsing history).
- 11 78. Defendant’s use of the “session replay” spyware is a “machine, instrument,
12 contrivance, or . . . other manner” used to engage in the prohibited conduct at
13 issue here.
- 14 79. At all relevant times, by using the “session replay” spyware to track, record, and
15 attempt to learn the contents of Plaintiff’s and Class Members’ electronic
16 communications, Defendant intentionally tapped, electrically or otherwise, the
17 lines of internet communication between Plaintiff and Class Members on the one
18 hand, and the specific sites and locations Plaintiffs and Class Members visited on
19 Defendant’s website on the other.
- 20 80. At all relevant times, by utilizing the “session replay” spyware, Defendant
21 willfully and without the consent of all parties to the communication, or in any
22 unauthorized manner, read or attempted to read or learn the contents or meaning
23 of electronic communications of Plaintiff and putative Class Members, while the
24 electronic communications were in transit or passing over any wire, line or cable
25 or were being sent from or received at any place within California.
- 26 81. Plaintiff and Class Members did not consent to any of Defendant’s actions in
27 implementing these unauthorized connections, nor have Plaintiff or Class
28 Members consented to Defendants’ intentional access, interception, reading,

learning, recording, and collection of Plaintiff's and Class Members' electronic communications.

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82. Plaintiff's and the Class Members' devices that Defendant accessed through its unauthorized actions included their computers, smart phones, and tablets and/or other electronic computing devices.

83. Defendant violated Cal. Penal Code § 631 by knowingly accessing, and without permission accessing, Plaintiff's and Class Members' electronic communications through the use of the "session replay" spyware in order for Defendant to track, understand, and attempt to learn the contents of Plaintiff's and Class Members' electronic communications generated by the use of Defendant's website, in violation of Plaintiff's and Class Members' reasonable expectations of privacy in their devices and data.

84. Defendant violated Cal. Penal Code § 631 by knowingly and without permission intercepting, wiretapping, accessing, taking and using Plaintiff's and the Class Members' personally identifiable information and personal communications with others.

85. Plaintiff and Class Members seek all relief available under Cal. Penal Code § 631, including \$2,500 per violation.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff and the Class Members pray that judgment be entered against Defendant, and Plaintiff and Class Members be awarded damages from Defendant, as follows:

- Certify the Class as requested herein;
- Appoint Plaintiff to serve as the Class Representative for the Class; and

- Appoint Plaintiff's Counsel as Class Counsel in this matter for the Class.
- \$2,500 to each Class Member pursuant to California Penal Code § 631(a) for each unlawful interception of communications;
- Reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 1021.5;
- Injunctive relief to prevent the further occurrence of such illegal acts pursuant to California Penal Code § 631;
- An award of costs to Plaintiff; and
- Any other relief the Court may deem just and proper including interest.

TRIAL BY JURY

86. Pursuant to the Seventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to, and demand, a trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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